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## **U.S. ATTORNEY PARTICIPATES IN 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOUR-CORNERS INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE**

PHOENIX - United States Attorney Diane J. Humetewa, together with the U.S. Attorneys from New Mexico, Utah and Colorado are in Albuquerque, New Mexico this week participating in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference. This year's conference, entitled Serving Crime Victims: Embracing Our Differences, boasts over 300 representatives from victim and social services, schools, law enforcement, tribal leaders and court personnel, probation officers, prosecutors, judges and others in the criminal justice arena and is focused on Indian Country victims of crime and criminal justice agencies.

Speakers include Associate Attorney General Kevin J. O'Connor who announced in his remarks today that more than \$50 million in additional grant funds are being awarded by the Department of Justice to help tribal communities. This brings the total to nearly \$100 million awarded to tribal communities in 2008. During his conference remarks, Associate Attorney General O'Connor stated to tribal leaders and other attendees that "This additional money will support your development of criminal justice strategies, and the creation and administration of your own solutions to the diverse challenges facing your communities. The Department of Justice is committed to working as your partner in these efforts."

U.S. Attorney Diane J. Humetewa added, "I am proud to continually partner with my fellow U.S. Attorneys, tribal leadership and criminal justice agencies in the four-corners region to share information so we can better serve crime victims in Indian Country. Together we continually strive toward prevention and deterrence of violence in Indian Country. But when that does not happen, we are committed to investigating and prosecuting those who commit these violations of federal law."

The conference, coordinated by the Victim Witness units of the U.S. Attorneys Offices, continues through Thursday, October 30, 2008. It includes topics such as the life cycle of a federal criminal case, on-line child exploitation, the judicial perspective of a crime victim's role, the Adam Walsh Act, sex offender apprehension initiatives and many other topics.

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